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Dear Minister,

**Re: A Healthier Future: A Twenty Year Vision for Health and Wellbeing in Northern Ireland 2005-2025**

Following advice from the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group and discussions by the NILGA Full and Executive membership, the Northern Ireland Local Government Association have decided to support option 5c of the DHSSPS consultation document, that *'Legislation should be introduced to ban smoking in all enclosed public places and workplaces'*

This is an issue of great significance to many councils in Northern Ireland and something that the membership are keen to pursue. As such we would very much welcome an opportunity to further engage in this important issue and would therefore ask that the association is kept up to date with ongoing developments.

Yours sincerely

  
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Chief Executive

Cc The *'Healthier Future'* consultation team